



County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS:

TWO REMINDERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS AND VOLUNTEERS

Over the past several weeks, there have been two incidents in the Fifth District that have highlighted the importance of those who maintain public safety in Baltimore County. On the first day of classes, there was a shooting at Perry Hall High School. At the other end of the district, in Downtown Towson, there was a weekend melee that culminated in a shooting and several arrests.

These incidents were different in many ways, but they highlight the importance of our police, firefighters, paramedics, and other public safety professionals and volunteers. I was amazed at the orderly evacuation of Perry Hall High School following the shooting. In Towson, the police precinct worked with the Towson Chamber of Commerce to improve security before the incident,

and I know they will be a valuable partner as we all learn from the incident on September 22nd.

In recent years, Baltimore County has avoided some of the violent crimes we have seen in other jurisdictions, but that should not give us a false sense of security. I would like to thank all those who restored order after these two incidents and all those working to make Baltimore County an even safer place to live.



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County Council Passes Pet Cemetery Protections

On October 1st, the County Council passed legislation sponsored by Councilman Marks that provides new protections for those who have purchased lots in pet cemeteries. Bill 64-12 requires that the owner of a pet cemetery provides notification to newspapers if he or she tries to sell or lease the property or use the cemetery for another purpose. The pet cemetery owner must attempt to notify those who purchased lots, and reimburse anyone who can provide documentation within a 90-day period. The Oakleigh Pet Cemetery in the Parkville area is located in Councilman Marks' district.

Bangert Avenue, Chapel and Forge Roads to be Resurfaced

Resurfacing has occurred in some areas off Northwind Road, and this fall, nearly five miles of roadway in Perry Hall will be improved as the Department of Public Works begins its work in the Fifth District. The county will resurface Bangert Avenue, Chapel and Forge Roads this fall. No widening is planned. Councilman Marks appreciates County Executive Kamenetz's assistance in getting these corridors improved.

Seven Oaks Elementary School Slated for Air Conditioning

The Board of Education has added Seven Oaks Elementary School to a list of schools that will receive air conditioning in 2013. Councilman Marks will continue to support air conditioning and other renovations at all schools in the Fifth District, but is appreciative that at least one more school will acquire this improvement.

Perry Hall Traffic Circle Get Facelift

Chesapeake Landscape Contractors has replaced and improved the area within the Seven Courts Drive traffic circle in Perry Hall, at no cost to the county. Councilman Marks would like to thank Chesapeake Landscape Contractors, as well as local resident William Lutostanski, Jr., for helping to implement this project.

Businesses to Fill Vacant Space at Perry Hall, Satyr Hill Shopping Areas

Councilman Marks has worked to fill vacant space at several shopping centers in the Fifth District. Salvo Auto Parts will fill 8,900 square feet of space at the Perry Hall Square Shopping Center. A grand opening is planned for Saturday, October 6 at 10 a.m. At the Perring Parkway Shopping Center in Satyr Hill, Micro Center will fill 32,000 square feet of space. Micro Center is a national computer chain with 21 locations around the country. This is the first location in the Baltimore area.

Construction Begins on Towson Square

Construction has started on Towson Square, the new movie and restaurant area being built in eastern Towson between Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Virginia Avenue. The \$85 million project is a key component of the revitalization of Downtown Towson and should be open by 2014.

Fifth District Community Advisory Council to Meet on Tuesday, October 23rd

The Fifth District Community Advisory Council will meet on Tuesday, October 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Carver Center at 300 Lennox Avenue in east Towson. The council is designed as a forum for community representatives to discuss common issues. In the event of bad weather, please observe the direction of the Baltimore County Public School system.

How to Learn More About Your County Council

The Baltimore County Council's Web Site is an excellent way to learn about upcoming legislation: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/index.html>. The site also includes information about recently passed legislation, maps of the seven County Council districts, and biographies for all seven Councilmembers. If you want to learn about the executive branch, you can visit <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov> or read <http://towson.patch.com/users/baltimorecountynow>.